



Surrendering Parent Rights

By surrendering your newborn, you are releasing your newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption.

You have 28 days after surrendering your newborn to petition the court to regain custody.

After the 28 days end there will be a hearing to terminate your parental rights.

There will be a public notice of this hearing; however, the notice will not contain your name.

You will NOT receive personal notice of the hearing.

Any information you are willing to provide to an Emergency Service Provider will NOT be made public.

Contact the safe delivery
hotline for more information
on safe delivery:

1-866-733-7733

TOLL -FREE

A "Safe Place"
is:

- Fire Department
- Police Station
- Hospital



Learn more about your CHOICES

Call: 1-866-733-7733

Department of Human Services (DHS) will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to a DHS office in your area.

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what
am I
going to
do?



Please don't abandon your baby!

Young and Scared?

You may be a teen or a young adult who is not ready emotionally or financially to be a parent. Maybe you have been able to keep your pregnancy a secret. But now what? You have a choice to take your newborn to a safe place.

What is a Safe Place?

If your baby is three days old or less, it is not a crime to surrender your newborn to a uniformed *employee* at a hospital, fire department or a police station.

No One Needs to Know

You can leave without giving your name. It would help the baby if you gave some basic health information. However, you do not have to answer any questions.

It is your choice.

What Happens to Your Baby?

If your baby needs medical attention, he or she will receive it. The professional staff person who accepts the baby will contact an adoption agency. Social workers will place the baby with a pre-adoptive family. There are many families who want to adopt. The plan is to make sure your baby has a good home where he or she can grow up healthy and happy.

It's Your Choice

Maybe you made a mistake. But you can make a good choice now. You can choose a safe place for your newborn. It is a decision that will help you and your baby. Your baby can have a family.

KEEP THIS CARD OR GIVE IT TO A FRIEND

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about:



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